

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY 28**

Last day to apply for graduation

**JANUARY 28-30**

23rd Annual Ronald E. McNair Commemorative Celebration/Eighth Research Symposium, Campus, **R**

**JANUARY 30**

49th Sit-in Anniversary Celebration, Keynote Speaker: NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, Williams Cafeteria, 6 a.m., **F**

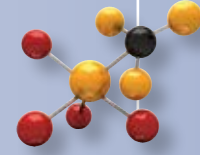
**FEBRUARY 11**

Deadline to remove incomplete grades received fall semester 2008

**FEBRUARY 13**

11th Life and Physical Sciences Research Symposium, Keynote Speaker: Nobel Laureate Oliver Smithies, Theme: Explore, Discover, Become: The Next Generation of Nobel Laureates, Williams Cafeteria, 8 a.m., **R, §**

The N.C. A&T Ticket Sales Office is located in Brown Hall, corner of Laurel and Bluford streets. For information, call (336) 334-7749.



# THE AGGIE REPORT

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## ISETCSC to Host Lecture on Global Warming

The Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology Cooperative Science Center at North Carolina A&T State University will present a public lecture on the book *Dire Predictions: Understanding Global Warming*, at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in Memorial Student Union, Stallings Ballroom.

Michael E. Mann, co-author with Lee Kump, will give the lecture. He is an associate professor in the departments of the meteorology and geosciences and director of the Earth System Science Center (ESSC) at Penn State University.



Photo by Greg Rico

Mann

Mann received his undergraduate degrees in physics and applied math from the University of California at Berkeley and a M.S. degree in physics and Ph.D. in geology and geophysics from Yale. His current areas of research include model/data comparisons aimed at understanding the long-term behavior of the climate.

The lead author of the *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Third Scientific Assessment Report*, Mann has served as chair for the National Academy of

Sciences 'Frontiers of Science.' He has received the outstanding publication award from NOAA and in 2002 was selected as one of the 50 leading visionaries in science and technology by *Scientific American*. He is the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed and edited publications and a co-founder and avid contributor to the award-winning science website RealClimate.org.

Mann's work in the area of global climate change has been widely described in the popular media, including ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN news programs, *Time Magazine*, *US News and World Report*, NPR, *The Economist*, BBC, *USA Today* and feature stories in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe* and numerous other U.S. and international news publications.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For additional information, call (336) 285-2336. For more of Mann's current research projects, visit [www.meteo.psu.edu/~mann/Mann/index.html](http://www.meteo.psu.edu/~mann/Mann/index.html).

## A&T's ISETCSC Celebrates Second Anniversary

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology (ISET) Cooperative Science Center (CSC) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University celebrated its second anniversary in fall 2008.

ISETCSC trains students in scientific areas of interest to NOAA.

In the last two years, ISETCSC has led the establishment of a B.S. degree program in atmospheric sciences and meteorology and a concentration in atmospheric sciences within the energy and environmental studies (EES) doctora program. ISETCSC also was involved in the creation of a new Institute for Climate Change, Oceans and the Atmosphere (ICOA) and a new B.S. degree in environmental science at Fresno State, as well as leading a task force of N.C. A&T researchers to write a report on the effects of global warming in North Carolina.

Solomon Billlign is director of the ISET Center at A&T. For more information on NOAA-ISETCSC activities at A&T, visit <http://noaaiset.org> or <http://noaaiset.org/newsletters> online, or send your inquiry to [billlign@ncat.edu](mailto:billlign@ncat.edu).



## Provost Gives Priorities for 2009

### HAPPY NEW YEAR, DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS!

Thanks to your commitment, productivity and tremendous contributions, our University experienced many success stories last year. It is obvious that you believe in N.C. A&T's land-grant mission. Your dedication greatly impacts our academic, research and public service accomplishments.

Our faculty members have been entrepreneurial in aggressively addressing societal challenges here and abroad. Here are some examples.

- Competing successfully for nearly \$45 million in research funds
- Securing a coveted National Science Foundation's Engineering Research Center (ERC)
- Exceeding all established standards of teaching workload relative to instructional faculty and regular faculty at Carnegie-defined peer institutions based on data available from the University of Delaware
- Publishing four books and 1,500+ referred articles and/or book chapters
- Presenting nearly 2,300 scientific papers at professional meetings, and establishing a significant number of reciprocal and equitable partnerships

Like previous years, 2008 presented its share of challenges for our Division as it relates to the budget. Fortunately, we were able to maintain current faculty and staff and even fill some of the much needed vacant positions. However, as we enter 2009, we must rethink our financial capital mindsets and actions per cost-cutting strategies already articulated by Chancellor Stanley F. Battle.

As always, our priority will be to protect faculty, staff, students and the classroom, and to make strategic adjustments as vacancies occur. By providing quality, service, and accountability,



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Thompson

we will make our case to retain and increase funding from the private sector, new partnerships, and prospective investors. Faculty and staff, we are asking for your continued support during these difficult funding challenges.

We are currently completing A&T's strategic plan, evaluation, and assessment components to reflect major program initiatives based on innovation, creativity, and collaboration in concert with UNC Tomorrow. In addition, we will conduct upcoming town hall meetings that will create opportunities for your input to "get engaged" with this important collaborative process.

Other 2009 priorities include increasing recruitment, retention and graduation rates; creating a responsive environment fostering high quality programs in learning, discovery and engagement; improving business processes; strengthening internal control and accountability measures; expanding resource bases; and continuing preparation for SACS re-accreditation.

I am grateful for the support you have given me since I assumed the role of provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs for the interim period. I encourage you to continue sharing your concerns and aspirations for our future. Let's move forward together, tread where others dare not, and continue with the highest integrity, ethics and moral standards.

### AGGIE PRIDE!

Alton Thompson, Ph.D.

Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



**Solomon Billigin**, professor of physics and director of the NOAA-Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology (ISET) Cooperative Science Center, was a presenter at the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute

held at Penn State on Jan. 8. His presentation was titled "Research and Education in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at N.C. A&T and the Vision to Develop an Earth System Science Institute."



**Yongchul Chung**, assistant professor in the department of human performance and leisure studies, School of Education, presented a paper titled "Finding Dorothy Harris: One Asian Male Feminist's Search for the Mother

of Sport Psychology" at the annual conference of the National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education in Sarasota, Fla.



**Loury Ollison Floyd**, assistant professor in the School of Education, has been appointed to serve as an officer for the state special education professional organization. Floyd will serve as the 2009 student coordinator for the North Carolina Council for

Exceptional Children. NC-CEC provides state and local support in regional trainings, annual conferences, newsletters and awards. Floyd also serves as advisor for the N.C. A&T Student Council for Exceptional Children, Chapter 1150.



**Tiece Ruffin**, assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction, School of Education, and **Agya Boakye-Boaten**,

assistant professor in the Division of University Studies, conducted a workshop for teachers and staff at Oyoko Methodist Primary School in Koforidua, Ghana, at the request of the Eastern Region Director of the Ghana Education Service. The workshop, Using Instructional Strategies to Enhance Reading Comprehension in Elementary Classrooms, was held in December. In

addition, more than 80 children's books, 30 children's magazines, stationary supplies, classroom decor, art supplies, musical instruments and educational games were donated by the N.C. A&T Master of Arts in Education Reading Education Program, Randolph County Cohort Class of 2009.



**Stanley F. Battle, Ph.D.**  
11th Chancellor  
North Carolina A&T State University



## AGGIE BITS

**N.C. A&T employees and students who registered for AggieAlert prior to Jan. 8 must register again** due to a revision in the registration process. Complete the process online at [www.ncat.edu/AggieAlert/aa2.html](http://www.ncat.edu/AggieAlert/aa2.html) before 11:59 p.m. ET on Jan. 31 to be eligible to win prizes.

AggieAlert is an emergency notification system that is available to current A&T employees and students. In the event of a campus emergency, employees and students registered with AggieAlert will receive text alerts on their mobile devices (e.g. cell phones, PDAs) via the registered numbers. The service is voluntary.

A campus emergency is defined as an event that the University has decided to handle with caution and concern for the safety of University employees and students.

**The Internal Revenue Service has reduced the travel mileage reimbursement rate**, effective Jan. 1, 2009. The N.C. Office of State Budget has therefore adjusted the allowable rate for use of personal vehicles during travel.

For approved University travel beginning on or after Jan. 1, the mileage reimbursement rate is set at 55 cents per mile for use of a personal vehicle when a state vehicle is not available, or when the round trip is 100 miles or less. Trips initiated on or before Dec. 31, 2008, will be reimbursed at the 2008 rate.

**2009 calendars featuring photographs of Malawi, Africa**, are available through the Zikomo Leadership Society at N.C. A&T. For information, contact Liz Barber, faculty advisor, at [eabarber@ncat.edu](mailto:eabarber@ncat.edu).

**The NASA Graduate Student Researchers Program (GSRP)** at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is seeking applicants. Awardees will be able to collaborate with JPL researchers while working on their research projects at their home institutions. The program provides a \$30,000 annual training grant. More information about the program is available on the following web site, <http://fellowships.hq.nasa.gov/gsrp/nav>, or contact Petra Kneissl-Milanian, [petra.a.kneissl-milanian@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:petra.a.kneissl-milanian@jpl.nasa.gov).

**Do you want to become healthier and physically fit in 2009?** Then join the Healthy and Fit Personal Training Program. Hire a personal trainer from the human performance and leisure studies department for a healthier, fitter you! Student trainers are available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The Healthy and Fit Personal Training Program is available to A&T employees and students. For more information, including costs and services, contact Deana Melton, assistant professor of sport science and fitness management, by telephone or email at (336) 334-7712 or [healthyu@ncat.edu](mailto:healthyu@ncat.edu).

## Seminars Planned for Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, Student Services in the School of Technology will host a three-day series of seminars that will focus on topics affecting today's women in corporate America. The event is sponsored by Cargill.

Designed to help young women assume leadership roles in their future careers, the seminars are free and open to women with a grade point average of 3.00 or more. Registration packets are available in the Student Services Office, School of Technology, Smith Hall, Room 004 (first floor). The deadline to register is Feb. 2.

For information, contact Cynthia Carlton Thompson, assistant dean, (336) 334-7379 or [ccthompson@ncat.edu](mailto:ccthompson@ncat.edu).

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### March 10 Women in Corporate America: High Achievers and Their Stepping Stones

A panel of women who work in various capacities within Cargill – operations, engineering, IT, finance and meat solutions – will discuss entering into and working in corporate America as a woman.

#### March 11 Becoming a Corporate Rock Star

With a focus on realistic goal setting and strategies for achieving goals, the discussion will consist of topics such as selling yourself through your résumé, how to take initiative and networking skills.

#### March 12 The Leader's Edge

Activities will center on business ethics, the Cargill Leadership Model and leadership development. This session will include building leadership skills, increasing self-assurance and enhancing overall effectiveness as a future leader.

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